President’s Message

Happy New Year!

To our newest members, I welcome you and hope that you enjoy being a part of our California state affiliate of AAFCS as much as I do. You have joined a group of special individuals who make a tremendous impact on the lives of others. I invite you to share our organization’s contributions with your colleagues and friends so that the work we do will inspire others to come join in.

To our continuing members, I take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you who will continue to support CA AFCS through your membership, and also through your continued contributions. In addition, I would like to offer special thanks to Amber Bradley and Bonnie Farmer for their exemplary efforts toward outreach as members of the Ways and Means Committee. The end-of-year financial request was a great success and demonstrates our individual, as well as inclusive investment in CA AFCS.

The year, 2017, holds lots in store as we look forward to the CA-AFCS and Kappa Omicron Nu Student Leadership and Research Conference at CSU Long Beach on April 29th and the return of the CA AFCS student competition later in the year as we prepare for our biennial conference which will be held in San Francisco in 2018. These student-centered events are a great way to reach out to our upcoming generation of professionals and also means of preparing leaders for the future of CA AFCS. Our students, throughout the state, are dynamic individuals who will help continue the history and legacy of our organization and it’s so exciting to see our students grow through networking with you, our professionals. Without your personal and caring student outreach, we would not be able to have such a great body of students preparing to help serve others in quality of life endeavors. I hope that many of you will be able to attend the Student Leadership and Research Conference so that you can network with our future leaders.

Our Board of Directors spring meeting will also take place during this conference – more details will be sent in the coming months.

To our student members, I hope you grasp at the opportunity to discuss, with our professionals, what you feel are among the most compelling issues facing our communities today. Your voices will bring ideas to the table that need to be discussed and which can springboard new outreach and even new community partnerships.

The AAFCS goal of ‘Connecting Professionals’ should serve as a reminder that when we come together to share our ideas and to help each other uphold the mission of the organization, there is no end to what we can achieve.

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President’s Message (continued-)

I begin the New Year full of optimism and hope, knowing that what our state does to keep CA AFCS thriving comes from caring hearts and minds. Please watch for updates on the Say Yes to FCS and FCSfit initiatives through Facebook and www.aafcs.org. If you have any ideas for our state affiliate to increase involvement in any of these key initiatives, please send me an email (gusv@sfsu.edu).

I hope you enjoy this issue of Contempo and express my continued thanks to Nanci Schindler for her outstanding contribution as our VP of Communications and Contempo editor.

I wish you a year that is filled with continued good work and look forward to hearing about your successes along with ideas for the future of CA AFCS.

Gus Vouchilas Ed.D.

AAFCS LEADERSHIP COUNCIL NEWS

The fall 2016 Leadership Council workshop was held in Alexandria VA November 4-6. “Martha Washington” welcomed delegates to the meeting with a “born to lead” message. Retiring AAFCS staff member, Gay Nell McGinnis was honored for her career long commitment to FCS. Signature AAFCS initiatives were discussed: FCS Day, Say Yes to FCS Educator Recruitment Campaign, and FCSfit. In addition to FCS Day on December 3, a new day to celebrate the educators of profession has been designate for May 4, 2017.

Dr. Kay Wilder provided an inspiring message that included lollipop moments based on the Drew Dudley TED Talks titled Everyday Leadership. She closed with a quote from John Quincy Adams: If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader. For more information about the workshop write jroubanis@aafcs-ca.org.

Submitted by
Dr. Jody L. Roubanis,
Past-president

Delegates at the AAFCS Fall Leadership Workshop
How did you celebrate FCS Day?

FCS Day was celebrated “Grounded in Gratitude” at Point Loma Nazarene University. Student leaders in the PLNU Phi Upsilon Omicron chapter, under the leadership of Professor Brittany Johnson, brought together over 100 community members of the PLNU campus. The menu was rustic fair with expressed appreciation for the blessings of the people in our families and communities.
If you have not yet participated, we invite you to review our national “Say Yes to FCS” social media campaign! The social media campaign, “Making a Difference Through Family & Consumer Sciences,” highlights a different theme and strategies that can be carried out through family and consumer sciences education programs (school-based or community-based) each month, all focused on recognizing the importance of both family and consumer sciences educators and programs. We want to engage family and consumer sciences professionals, advocates, and ESPECIALLY program participants who will reach out to their respective social media networks—therefore reaching other prospective family and consumer sciences educators! Engaging program participants in communications with their social media networks, which ensures that the messages reach this population segment, is critical to the success of this campaign.

If you have any questions regarding the social media campaign, please email Gwynn Mason at pr@aafcs.org.
“The Data is not adding up. Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS) teachers in California must unite now more than ever!”

With the autumn leaves falling, rain drizzling outside, and the sweet smell of baking in the oven, I would like to wish you and your family a wonderful holiday season. Not long ago, the school year had just begun, and now many of you are in the midst of Holiday labs and approaching finals. Currently, in Sacramento, we are working very hard in trying to hire a second Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS) Education Programs Consultant at the California Department of Education (CDE). There has been a limited number of potential candidates coupled with the complexities of the hiring process, however, we are hopeful that we will soon be able to find enough eligible candidates to start the interview process.

California FCCLA, now more than ever, has been keeping me very busy. In the past two years we have transitioned all of the Competitive Recognition Events (CRE) into FCCLA Students Taking Action with Recognition (STAR) Events, assisted chapter advisors to become acclimated to the national FCCLA affiliation system, and are now updating all documents and information to reflect the new name; California FCCLA. Although this process has been a challenge, teachers across the state have been in direct contact with the State Office to learn more about FCCLA, new event changes, and to request Chapter ID numbers to affiliate their chapters.

Currently in the state of California, we have approximately 137,922 students enrolled in FCS courses in the following industry sectors: Education, Child Development, and Family Services (59,419 students); Fashion and Interior Design (8,744 students), and Hospitality, Tourism, and Recreation (69,759 students). As an FCS profession, we have one of the largest student enrollment numbers in Career Technical Education. However, some of the greatest challenges include getting all of the FCS teachers united under the new umbrella name Family and Consumer Sciences (which officially changed at the CDE on July 1, 2016), affiliating with the appropriate Career Technical Student Organization (CTSO) which is FCCLA (not Skills USA) for our subject area, and having all FCS teachers join their appropriate professional teacher organization.

If we compare FCS to the Agriculture Education industry sector, we have more students in the FCS industry sectors. A noted difference between the two industry sectors is all Agriculture students are also members of Future Farmers of America (FFA) organization. FFA has approximately 83,919 members compared to FCCLA with 4,104 members in the 2015–16 school year. In reviewing the other CTSO’s data in California, FCCLA currently has the lowest amount of members; Cal-HOSA in 2015–16 had 6,016 members, DECA had 5,185 members, FBLA had 7,314 members, and Skills USA had 10,588. According to this data, our CTSO membership data does not measure up to the number of FCS student enrollment data.

Why am I concerned? Since 2008, SB1070 funds have been available for chapters to assist with CTSO expenses, but the caveat has been that the CTSO must show growth. Data shows that every other CTSO can demonstrate they have tripled or quadrupled in membership numbers. FCCLA has been maintaining the same number of members for the past few years. Recently, several FCS teachers have conveyed they were unaware of FCCLA, as they came from business and industry and were explicitly told by their schools and districts that they had to affiliate with Skills USA. Upon now learning about FCCLA, they are interested in making the switch. If every FCS program in the state had a chapter, FCCLA membership would be the second highest in the state.

In this next year, the FCS State Staff will be working to re-establish a usable directory to improve communication with the field, especially FCS teachers coming from business and industry who may not be aware of FCS professional development
Mark your calendar for the Student Leadership and Research Conference on **Saturday April 29 2017** from 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM at the California State University Long Beach Student Union. The CSULB Kappa Omicron Nu Chapter and CA-AFCS are co-sponsoring this exciting day of leadership opportunities and sharing of student projects/research. For more information about the conference contact Sara Digre (CA-AFCS Student Unit Chair) at Sara.digre.253@my.csun.edu, or Haley Gallaher (CSULB Kappa Omicron Nu President) at Hmgallaher1211@gmail.com. For CSULB students registering for the conference contact Dolores Robles at Dolores.robles@csulb.edu. For all other registration and information about student research/project proposals contact Dr. Jody Roubanis at jroubanis@aafcs-ca.org

**Students:  Save the Date!**

April 29, 2017

or that there are FCS state staff at the CDE who can provide them with technical assistance. In working towards the previously stated goals, I am planning to attend the upcoming FCS professional development workshops to discuss a branding initiative, as well as the future mission and vision statement for FCS education. Individually, as FCS professionals, I know we can all do great things, but I am confident that collectively we can work toward taking our profession to the next level in the state. However, we must all be on the same page with name identity, FCCLA involvement, and professional organization membership so that FCCLA numbers can be used to advocate for the FCS profession. Future state contract dollars are dependent on this not only for FCCLA, but also the professional development project. As our data begins to measure up to the other CTE sectors, I am confident that we will also be able to be considered for FCS Incentive Grant Funding, just like our Agriculture counterparts but again we need to all do our part. I look forward to seeing many of you at the upcoming professional development workshops, FCCLA Spring Qualifying Competitions, and the State Conferences, so we can continue to collaborate and discuss future strategic planning ideas for the FCS profession in the state. Happy Holidays!

Submitted by Melissa Webb,

California Department of Education FCS Education Programs Consultant/FCCLA State Advisor
**LEADERSHIP: Reaching your potential through ethics of care**

CSULB Student Union  
9:30 AM—3:00 PM April 29, 2017  
Cosponsored by CSULB KON & CA-AFCS  
STUDENT LEADERSHIP & RESEARCH CONFERENCE  
REGISTRATION FORM

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**You can help off-set the cost of this conference!**  
Please indicate the amount that you would like to donate above and include that amount in your registration payment.  
If submitted by 4/10, mark the name that you would like to appear in the program in recognition of your donation: ______________________________

**Suggested donation amounts:**  
$20 $25 $30 $50 $75 $100

Registration form and payment (cash or check made payable to CA-AFCS):  
☐ CSULB Faculty & Students submit to Dolores Robles  
☐ PLNU Faculty & Students submit to Jody Roubanis  
☐ CSUN Faculty & Students Sara Digre  
☐ All others send to  
  Sara Digre, President CA-AFCS Student Unit  
  21237 Lassen Street, Unit 4  
  Chatsworth, CA 91311

 Transit and parking information  
☒ Long Beach airport is less than 4 miles from CSULB.  
☐ From the Anaheim Amtrak & Metrolink Station take OCTA bus route 50 (about 40 minutes).  
☒ Parking on the CSULB campus cost is $6.00 for all day.
CA-AFCS Needs You!

The CA-AFCS Nominating Committee is looking for leaders to serve in the following positions. Election date slated for April. Terms begin Summer 2017.

- 2017-2019 VP of Communications/Contempo Newsletter/Website
- 2017-2021 Extended Education Fund (EEF) Member
- 2017-2019 Treasurer
- 2017-2019 Nominating Committee (2 positions open)
- President Elect (to prepare to take office at the end of Gus Vouchilas’ 2016-18 term)

Contact Lisa Ledeboer lledeboer@mtsac.edu if you are interested in running for one of these positions or if you would like to nominate someone.

Ways & Means Project

A fundraising request for donations to further our goals of CAAFCS was sent to members and some former members. We are pleased to report that donations given so far yield a profit of $3,000.00!

Our thanks to the following who have generously donated: Liz Tillman, Judy Silver, Marilyn Allen, Nancy K. Murray, Adina Duggan, Marjorie Burri, Inez Roberson, Susan Rogers, Susan Chelini, Mary Gilliland, Carlyn Bowls, Janis Brokaw, Joan Martin, Pat Skacklford, Delores Robles, Pat Miller, Sandy Foster, Billie Lou Sands, Barbara Kilborn, Ruby Trow, Willy Hall, Martha Anderson, Gus Vouchilas, Nancy Kostman, Jane Huxtable, Berthann Heath, Shirley Vernon, Jeanne Polak-Recht, Emilie Zouhar, Shirley Ross, Roberta Null, Susan Chritton, Gerry Hodge, Nancy Rabolt, Jeri Whalen, Sylvia Chatagmier, Thaya Craig, Polly Womack, B. Diane Wallace, Nanci Schindler and Amber Bradley.

Thanks again to all our generous donors! If you haven't donated, it is not too late to send in your donation. We will be glad to recognize you in the next Contempo.

Donate Now!

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Professional Opportunities

Celebrating Mary Turner Gilliland with a DSA

Recognizing her with the most prestigious award in AAFCS, Mary Turner Gilliland of the Bay District will be awarded the Distinguished Service Award at the AAFCS Annual Conference in Dallas TX June 25-28, 2017. Be on the lookout for a mailer from AAFCS about Mary’s service to the profession and how you can honor her through a donation.

CA-AFCS will be holding a celebration reception for Mary at the 2017 AAFCS Annual Conference. All CA-AFCS members attending the conference will be invited. If you want more information about the reception, contact Jody Roubanis at jroubanis@aafcs-ca.org or Nanci Schindler at nlschind@cox.net.

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In Memoriam: Virginia Potter

Virginia Potter was a long standing member of the San Diego District chapter of the CA-AFCS. She graduated from The Ohio State University and married her college sweetheart who brought her to La Jolla in 1960 when he took the position of manager of the San Diego County Fair. Virginia received her California Teaching Credential from SDSU and had a full-time position at Mission Bay High School. She also was instrumental in developing scholarships for the district. Virginia was over 100, a beloved member of the San Diego District, and will be remembered fondly. A Celebration of Life will be held February 10, 2017 in Carlsbad, CA.
### Scholarships

**SCHOLARSHIP INFO**

#### DEADLINE REMINDER

Please see details for CA-AFCS and district scholarships on our website: [http://www.aafcs-ca.org/ca/scholarships-grants/scholarships/](http://www.aafcs-ca.org/ca/scholarships-grants/scholarships/)

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| AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES | Bonnye Whamond  |
| **APPLICATIONS AND LETTERS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY** | NCD Scholarship Chairperson         |
| **March 22, 2017**                             | 2787 19th Street                      |
| **Email:** bwhamond@gmail.com                  | Sacramento, CA 95818                  |

| LOS ANGELES                                   | Contact Person: Dolores Robles          |
| **Deadline for Applications:** **March 20, 2017** | LA-CAFCS Scholarship Chair              |
| **Contact Person:** Dolores Robles            | Dolores.Robles@csulb.edu                |

| SAN DIEGO                                     | Contact Person: Nancy Kostman           |
| **Online Application is Available from The San Diego Foundation** | (619) 890-6432  |
| **Application Due to the Foundation:** **February 2017** | nkostman@cox.net                      |
2017 AAFCS Family Economics and Resource Management Emerging Researcher Award

Call for Applications due 2/10/2017: Please share this widely in your networks.

Eligibility: Doctoral student pursuing the Ph.D. or Ed.D. at a recognized US institution of higher education who has demonstrated outstanding potential to make significant contributions to the understanding of individuals and families, and the context in which they make family economic and resource management decisions. Must be at advanced dissertation development stage.

$2,000 cash award + travel stipend for 2017 AAFCS Annual Meeting in Dallas, TX

FULL Announcement posted of FERM Community site and AAFCS web page.

New Date for Fashion and Interior Workshop

Due to a scheduling conflict the following workshop's date has been changed

It's About Time to Focus on Fashion and Interior Design
New Date: March 23 and 24, 2017

Workshop and hotel details are attached. Clink on the links below.

Before you send your registration to your school or district fax or email us a copy to secure your space at the workshop.
Calendar

March 15, 2017
Deadline for Contempo newsletter articles

April 29, 2017
Student Leadership and Research Conference
CSU-Long Beach Student Union

June 25-27, 2017
108th AAFCS Annual Meeting in Dallas, TX

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